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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING

NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCES In response to the communication dated May 17, 2001 (copy enclosed), applicant submits herewith a Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 CFR §1.824. In addition, applicant submits an initial Sequence Listing as required under 37 CFR §1.823(a) and a statement under 37 CFR §1.821(f).

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for the instant application. Please insert the Sequence Listing following the Oath/Declaration. Furthermore, applicant requests entry of the following amendments.

## In the specification:

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 30, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Figure 4B is an illustration of the predicted sequence of RDE-1 and its alignment with

Four related proteins. The sequences are RDE-1 (C. elegans; Genbank Accession No.

AF180730; SEQ ID NO:3), F48F7.1 (C. elegans; Genbank Accession No. Z69661; SEQ ID

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